### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

## **Lordsburg - Grazed Range**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lordsburg - Grazed Range		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes O or No O
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes O or No O
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes O or No O
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes O or No O
3. c.Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes O or No O
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes O or No O
4. c.Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes O or No O
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health:- Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
5. b.Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes O or No O
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes O or No O
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes O or No O

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes O or No O
Energy Conservation—Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the "EQIP Plan of Operations" result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes O or No O

#### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	
Grazing Screening Criteria for Applications Involving Public Lands - Applications involving public lands must have an active CRMP, or the applicant must agree to develop an approved CRMP prior to the date of contract approval. The CRMP must include a timeline, agreed to by all parties, for completion/approval of all NEPA and cultural resource inventory/clearance requirements. Applications without a CRMP, or a CRMP without the agreed to timeline for NEPA/Cultural resource clearance, shall be considered a 'low priority' and will not receive funding consideration until higher priority applications have been funded.	
1. Does the Applicant agree to plan/implement a grazing (range) resource management system? 75 Pts	Yes O or No O
2. Does the proposed contract include one or more practices which will protect/enhance habitat for an at-risk species (Federal, State or Tribal listed Threatened, Endangered or candidate species)? 50 Pts	Yes O or No O
3. Does the proposed contract include practices to mitigate noxious weeds (NMDA class A, B or C)? 50 Pts	Yes O or No O
4. Has the Applicant had a prior contract which was implemented on schedule and is providing satisfactory Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for installed practices? 25 Pts	Yes O or No O
5. Has the Applicant NOT had a contract within the past seven years? 25 Pts	Yes O or No O
6. Does the Applicant agree to have all contracted practices completed by Dec. 31, 2018? 25 Pts	Yes O or No O
7. Has Applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated due to non-compliance within the past five years? -100 Pts	Yes O or No O

## **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 1, 2, and 3.	
1. Will Brush Management (314) be implemented on 81-100% of the area needing treatment? 125 Pts	Yes O or No O
2. Will Brush Management (314) be implemented on 61-80% of the area needing treatment? 100 Pts	Yes O or No O
3. Will Brush Management (314) be implemented on 25-60% of the area needing treatment? 75 Pts	Yes O or No O
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 4, 5 and 6.	
4. Will the majority of the Brush Management (314) implementation be heavy infestation? 100 Pts	Yes O or No O
5. Will the majority of the Brush Management (314) implementation be medium infestation? 125 Pts	Yes O or No O
6. Will the majority of the Brush Management (314) implementation be light infestation? 75 Pts	Yes O or No O
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 7, 8 and 9.	
7. Will 4 or more practices that address degraded plant condition, soil quality, soil erosion or water quantity be included in this contract? 125 Pts	Yes O or No O
8. Will 3 practices that address degraded plant condition, soil quality, soil erosion or water quantity be	Yes O or No O

included in this contract? 75 Pts	
9. Will 2 practices that address degraded plant condition, soil quality, soil erosion or water quantity be included in this contract? 50 Pts	Yes O or No O
Please answer the following question.	
10. Will fencing be installed to enhance grazing management? 25 Pts	Yes O or No O

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: